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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, XJ, UR
SUBJECT: PODGORNY VISIT TO AFRICA

1. SUMMARY. ZAMBIAN EMBASSY INDICATES THAT PODGORNY VISIT TO ZAMBIA SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19-23. SOVIETS WANT ZAMBIA TO USE MORE OF CREDITS ALREADY EXTENDED AND TO SIGN CULTURAL AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. BRITISH EMBOFF HAS PASSED ON SUBSTANCE OF HIS FEB 22 CONVERSATION WITH USUALLY RELIABLE ZAMBIAN EMBASSY FIRST CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY HUMPHREY KUNDA (PROTECT BOTH SOURCES). KUNDA SAID PODGORNY VISIT WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR ZAMBIA MARCH 19-27 WITH PLANS STILL ON FOR VISITS TO MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA. KUNDA SAID A 27-MAN SOVIET ADVANCE TEAM HAD RECEIVED ZAMBIAN VISAS AND WAS EXPECTED TO LEAVE FOR LUSAKA FEB 23 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT.

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3. KUNDA SAID SOVIETS WOULD PROBABLY PUSH FOR GREATER ZAMBIAN USE OF RUBLE EQUIVALENT OF 7 MILLION DOLLAR CREDIT WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN EXTENDED (2.4 MILLION HAS BEEN DRAWN DOWN) AND THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT EVEN GREATER CREDIT WOULD BE EXTENDED. THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO SIGN A 1977 CULTURAL AGREEMENT (NO AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED FOR 1976, HE SAID, DUE TO ZAMBIAN REFUSAL TO ALLOW AS MANY SOVIETS IN AS MOSCOW WANTED). KUNDA CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT SOVIETS WERE THOROUGHLY IRRITATED OVER ZAMBIAN LEAKS ON VISIT.

4. COMMENT. SINCE KUNDA WAS SOURCE FOR CORROBORATION OF LEAKS AND PERHAPS EVEN OF ORIGINAL INFORMATION, IT IS SURPRISING THAT HE CONTINUES TO BE CANDID IN DISCUSSING FORTHCOMING VISIT. TANZANIANS FOR EXAMPLE - WHO ALSO HANDLE MOZAMBICAN INTERESTS HERE - ARE FAR MORE CIRCUMSPECT IN THIS REGARD AND SOVIETS, NATURALLY, REFUSE TO DISCUSS VISIT AT ALL SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT AS YET.

5. LOCAL WP CORRESPONDENT RECEIVED RECENT INQUIRY FROM WP AFRICAN CORRESPONDENT DAVID OTTAWAY REGARDING LUSAKA RUMORS THAT PODGORNY VISIT MIGHT BE POSTPONED. KUNDA'S INFORMATION WOULD SEEM TO SCOTCH THESE RUMORS. INDEED SUCH A POSTPONEMENT WOULD SEEM ILLOGICAL SINCE TIMING OF VISIT HAS BY COINCIDENCE TURNED OUT VERY FORTUNATE FOR SOVIETS DUE TO BREAKDOWN OF GENEVA TALKS ON RHODESIA.
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